context if the SCA finds the rural BPO a viable proposition, he would definitely look at investing in this activity as well.

(c) and (d) IIT Madras has incubated a company DesiCrew, which is working on a model for rural BPO. DesiCrew has set up twenty very small rural BPOs.

Rising land prices in Delhi

†*48.   DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
         SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of land in Delhi State have risen exorbitantly during the last two years;

(b) if so, the percentage increase that took place with regard to residential land, commercial land and industrial land; and

(c) the reasons behind the said price rise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Land prices have risen in Delhi during the last two years. The auction figures of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for the residential land for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto 31.1.2007) are given below:—

(Rates in Rs. per sqm.)

Zone	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto 31.1.07)	Increase (in %)
South	53519	X	132643	148
Dwarka	X	X	175900	–
North	X	X	81348	–
West	X	X	107544	–
East	X	X	X	–
Rohini	X	X	X	–
Narela	X	X	X	–
Central	X	X	X	–

X-No auction took place.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The auction figures of DDA for the commercial land for the period 2004-05 to 2006-07 (upto 31.1.2007) are given below:—

(Rates in Rs. per sqm.)

Zone	2004-05	2005-06	Increase (in %)	2006-07 (upto 31.1.07)	Increase (in %)
South	36296	101125	179	237412	135
Dwarka	68715	86572	26	173877	101
North	28532	45338	59	64113	41
West	21525	86659	303	147792	71
East	36319	75400	107	75549	0.20
Rohini	31985	46857	47	78921	68
Narela	6883	26561	286	28887	9
Central	46230	82012	77	X	-

X-No auction took place.

In respect of industrial plots, the percentage increase is not available since DDA has not been auctioning industrial plots for the last few years. However, as per information from Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (DSIIDC), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, their rates for allotment of plots under relocation scheme have remained the same from 1.1.2003.

We do not have figures in regard to registrations of transactions of land that have taken place among private individuals through Registrar/Sub-Registrars of Government of NCT of Delhi. The number of such transactions would be much larger.

(c) The Government does not regulate/control prices of land in Delhi. Market forces determine the trend. Various factors including growth in economy, supply and demand, easy availability of housing loan, easy financing of housing projects, change in mode of disposal from leasehold to freehold, ensuing Commonwealth Games, increased land rate in the National Capital Region, infrastructure improvement such as better

connectivitiy through Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, etc. have contributed to increase in the land prices.

Expansion of IT and BPO Sector

*49. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry plans to expand the knowledge sector (IT) with its huge employment potential to the underdeveloped States after setting up these centres in Hyderabad and Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether expansion needs of the IT and BPO sector is to ensure that benefits of IT boom reach backward States;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Urban Development had called a meeting of the senior officials of the IT and State Governments and IT sector representatives;

(d) the outcome of the meeting; and

(e) the States where these IT centres would be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Software companies set up their operations in the most convenient locations and plan their investment driven by business needs. In this context, software companies are also guided by the availability of infrastructure and the availability of talent in Tier-II and Tier-III cities.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has already established 47 centers across the country; out of which 7 centers are in Metros and balance 40 centers are in tier II and tier III cities;

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The template has been circulated to all States for their guidance.